



(Photo by Sgt. Nicole Kojetin, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)

Ready! Aim! Fire!

Spc. Tevis Roberson, a food service clerk from Headquarters Support Company, practices his marksmanship at the Urdairi Ranges in Kuwait Oct. 20. Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division Special Troops Battalion went to the ranges to learn about convoy procedures and close-quarter marksmanship.

Black Jack Brigade Uncases Colors

By 2nd BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait - Col. Bryan Roberts, commander of the 2nd "Black Jack" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, had all his battalions present for a ceremony that marked the beginning of the brigade's operation in Iraq on an empty piece of desert he referred to

as "Black Jack Field" on this remote base camp Oct. 27.

"On Sept. 28 on Cooper Field at Fort Hood, Texas, we cased our colors. It was a great central Texas morning," said Roberts. "Today, we uncase our colors on 'Black Jack Field,' in Camp Buehring, Kuwait."

Since Aug. 29, 1917, the Black Jack

Brigade has cased and uncased its colors 10 times through World War I, II, Vietnam, Korea, Kuwait, Iraq and now, in Kuwait again.

Like previous campaigns, Roberts said he anticipates his brigade will again make

Welcome First Team to Baghdad

The First Team has Arrived. This is your friendly Multi-National Division-Baghdad public affairs office here to remind you of what we are here for... to serve you.

Yes, you.

Every Soldier has the right to be informed and entertained even if we are at war.

Here's the plan. We are going to provide you with a daily electronic newsletter such as this every morning except Sunday (the day of rest).

The size will fluctuate a little between four to six pages long. For the next few days we'll feature stories our staffers produced on the way here.

The morning after our MND-B transition of authority Nov. 15, the newspaper will incorporate the stories we have been working on in Iraq.

This is where you will get current local news. If there is something huge that happens in the states the day before,

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we will include that as well. It is our job to keep you informed.

There will also be a resurrection of the field newspaper we had during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

A new one will be published every two weeks. This newspaper received an award for being the best field newspaper in the Army, and our office expects nothing less for this go around.

In this newspaper, we will provide you with what is happening here, what is happening back home, weather, sports,

Arabic phrase of the day, letters to the editor, movie reviews and much more. The first issue will be on stands Dec. 4. They are located outside of dining facilities and by your local Army and Air Force Exchanges.

Be sure to snag one for your entertainment.

Our television show, Cav Country, is starting up again also. It was paused for our movement to Kuwait.

The first show is already posted on www.divids.net and will air on back on Fort Hood on KNCT Television (PBS Killeen) on Nov. 16.

As a reminder, these products are for you.

If there is something you think is missing or a great story idea shoot us an e-mail at david.j.Larsen@mnd-b.army.mil or nikki.lemke@mnd-b.army.mil or call us at DSN 318-847-1955.

Stay safe!

Arabic Phrase of the Day

Marhaba

Defined: Hello

Iraq 3-Day Forecast



Today

**High: 75
Low: 52**



Tomorrow

**High: 75
Low: 52**



Wednesday

**High: 74
Low: 52**

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MPs Jump Right into Mission

By Spc. Kate Huff
2nd BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait - Military Policemen from the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team's 2nd Brigade Support Battalion had barely been deployed for 24 hours before they started their first mission -- escorting the rest of the brigade's troops to their new temporary home in Kuwait.

The MPs, who have been at the camp since Oct. 17, immediately began providing security escorts to the buses transporting newly arrived Soldiers from the Kuwaiti International Airport to Camp Buehring.

The mission begins about three hours before the flight arrives in Kuwait, and this is when the MPs begin preparing for their fellow Cav troopers' arrival.

"We get the flight schedule, we get the flight times, we do the dispatching (for the non-tactical vehicles), and get our 'trip tickets' together," said Sgt. Ray Payne, a team leader from Woodfords, Calif.

Soon after the MPs get the information they need, they begin the two-hour trek to the airport. When they arrive, they check in with the Movement Control



(Photo by Spc. Kate Huff, 2nd BCT)

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Chovan, Sgt. Ray Payne and Pfc. Steve Martin, military policemen with 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, brief incoming Soldiers about their convoy to Camp Buehring, Oct. 22.

Center, and wait for the flight, or flights, to touch down.

"We have to figure out how many buses, how many baggage trucks, and the total number of personnel because I have to report that back to the TOC (tactical operations center)," said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Chovan, an MP platoon sergeant.

The arriving Soldiers, who have been flying for nearly an entire day, get to take an hour-long break before leaving the air-

port. While stretching their flight-weary legs, they're offered free beverages and a chance to move around.

Once the break is over, Soldiers climb back on the buses and a quick accountability is taken to make sure no one is left behind.

On the way back to the camp the MPs are responsible for leading the way and keeping the convoy together.

Once back on camp, the Soldiers receive a briefing and typically make a trip to the dining facility where they can sit down to enjoy their first meal in Kuwait.

The MPs wait for the Soldiers to get back from chow before escorting them to their sleep tents where they can download their bags, take a warm shower and get some rest.

After the Soldiers are settled into their temporary homes, the MPs escort the buses off the camp and return to wait for the next group of Soldiers to come in.

From start to finish, the entire mission takes approximately seven hours.

While not every trip may be action packed, it's still a vital and important mission, Chovan said, with his MP's responsible for the accountability and safety of every Soldier on the buses.

Cav Brigade Marks Movement to Baghdad

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history.

"This will be a very, very historic year for Black Jack; It will be a historic year for each and every one of you," he said.

"For many of us, this will be the most memorable, the most demanding and the toughest year of our lives. Know leaders, that your Soldiers will ask more of you than ever, ever, ever before," he continued. "You'll ask more of yourselves

than you've ever asked. You'll demand more of yourself, you'll get more of yourself, and you'll know more about yourselves. And you're ready for that. This is what we've been training for since July 8 when we stood on Cooper Field, and with mass changes of command. This is what we've been training for."

During its time in Kuwait, Black Jack Soldiers will go through training designed specifically for missions in Iraq.

"We're honing our skills here, so when we go up north,

we're prepared for the fight," Roberts said. "Make the most out of what we're doing here in Kuwait.

"We will find when we're in Iraq, there are a lot of bad people in Iraq," he said. "Bad things happen to bad people, and that's one reason why we're going in there, to take care of those bad people."

Yet, along with the "bad," he said they should also recognize their other mission of helping the "good."

"There are also some good people in Iraq; we'll make it a

lot better for them," he said.

The brigade commander concluded his remarks to his troops reminding them of his "Black Jack Charge" - the mantra the brigade will live by over the coming year: being positive, polite, professional, prepared to help and, finally, being prepared to kill.

"That's what we stand for as a brigade," Roberts said. "That's what makes Black Jack unique. If we do those five things, we will accomplish our mission everywhere we go. That's my challenge to you."

Ironhorse Arrives for Training in Kuwait

By Sgt. Jon Cupp
1st BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait -- Troopers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division have arrived in Kuwait for training just prior to their upcoming rotation in Iraq.

The training consists of weapon ranges; classes on how to deal with improvised explosive devices (IEDs); and an advanced medical training class for combat life savers.

The brigade's Soldiers will also be receiving a myriad of training in Kuwait before heading north to begin operations including medical evacuation training that utilizes helicopters evacuating simulated patients, military operations on an urban terrain site and sniper training.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Bee, brigade plans non-commissioned-officer-in-charge and a native of Rochester, Mn., said the training complements many of the things the brigade's Soldiers experienced in previous training venues such as the Ironhorse Rampage exercise in April and the Joint Readiness Training Center in June.

"It really adds to what the Soldiers have learned before with one slight difference," said Bee. "There's more of a reality to the training now that we're actually in the desert. We always train as we fight in everything we do, but here it's more solidified in the fact that it's getting real now. The fact that we are going to Iraq and will face combat is not just a training scenario any more."

Bee explained the kind of mindset Soldiers should have

when going through the types of training offered in Kuwait.

"We tell Soldiers going through the training here to keep their focus and composure and to always maintain their situational awareness, and that's going to save lives," he said.

Training participants said it will be vital to their survival during combat situations in Iraq.

"This is top-notch training," said Capt. John Burescia, brigade engineer, and a native of Dickinson, Texas.

"Providing the opportunity for units to come out here and (test the accuracy of their weapons) is essential before we move North into contact."

"The key to what we do here is instilling confidence into our Soldiers," added Burescia. "Unfortunately this is not a conventional war like we had in World War II or Korea where you're fighting uniformed troops.

"With the unconventional tactics our enemies use today, such as IEDs, it's very important that Soldiers know the

types of things they can expect."

"The training we receive here in some ways is better than what we get at Fort Hood, because here we're in the actual kind of environment we'll be operating in, where there's lots of sand," said Pvt. Lucas Barker, a native of Kingston, Pa., who works for Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment.

"The kind of things we learn here will definitely help in getting us back home in one piece," he added.



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Air Cav Leaves Mark

Philadelphia native Pvt. Michelle Young, a supply specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, along with her battle buddies Pvt. Zachary Smith from Atlanta, from the battalion's Company E; and San Diego native Spc. Courtney Brenton, leave their mark in front of Dining Facility 1 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 25. Paintings like this one are found throughout the camp, but while most are traced from a projected picture, this one was done completely free-hand, Brenton said.